

ADVENTURE Into The Past



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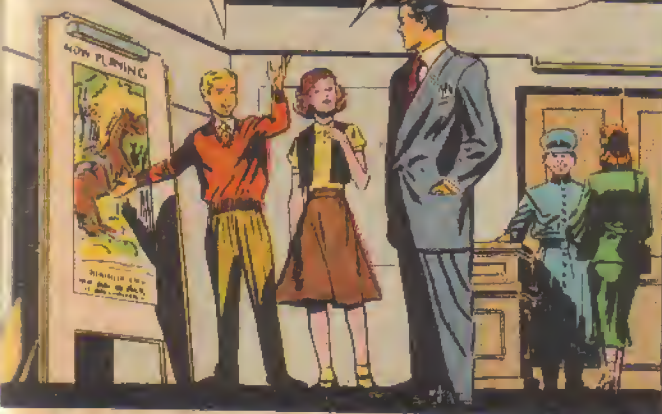


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THAT BOY WAS JUST ABOUT MY AGE - AND LOOK AT ALL THE ADVENTURES HE HAD!

I LIKED THE GIRL BEST... ESPECIALLY HER CLOTHES. MY COLONIAL TIMES WERE ROMANTIC, WEREN'T THEY, ED?



SAY...HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRAVEL A COUPLE OF HUNDRED YEARS INTO THE PAST...AND SEE FOR YOURSELVES?

WHAT! HOW CAN WE?

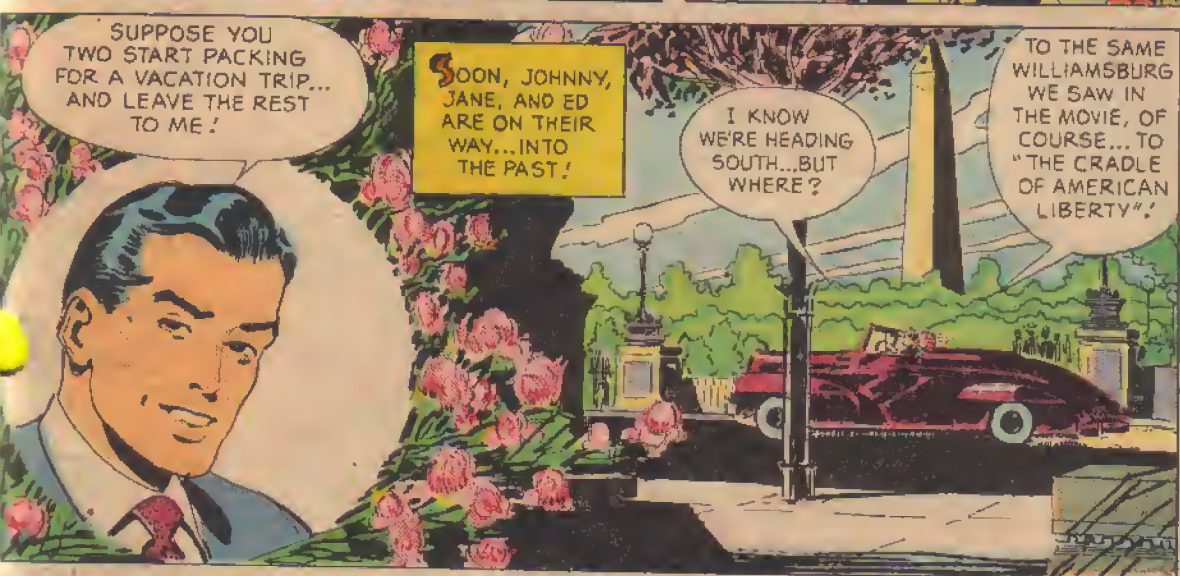


SUPPOSE YOU TWO START PACKING FOR A VACATION TRIP... AND LEAVE THE REST TO ME!

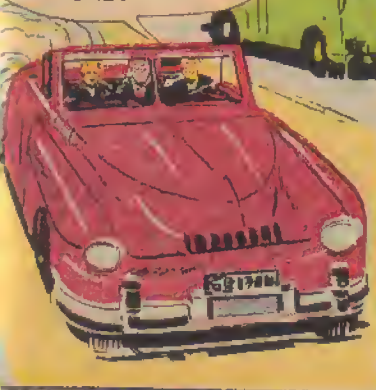
SOON, JOHNNY, JANE, AND ED ARE ON THEIR WAY...INTO THE PAST!

I KNOW WE'RE HEADING SOUTH...BUT WHERE?

TO THE SAME WILLIAMSBURG WE SAW IN THE MOVIE, OF COURSE...TO "THE CRADLE OF AMERICAN LIBERTY".



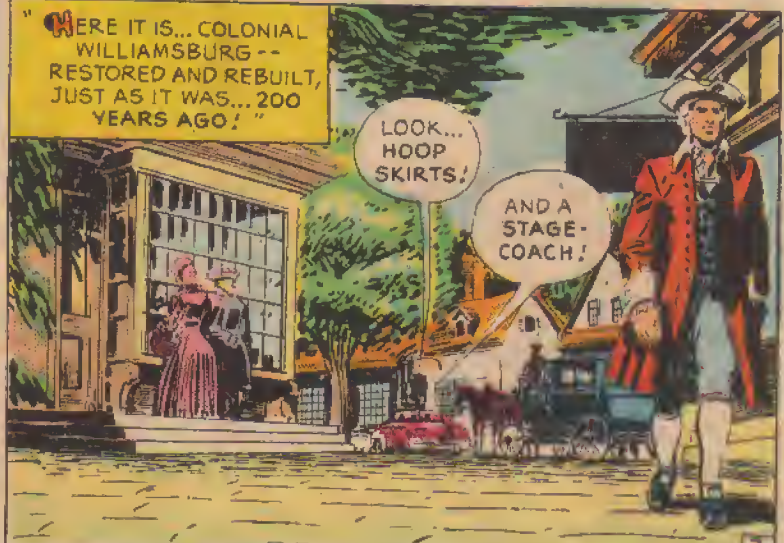
IN THE 1700'S, WHEN IT WAS VIRGINIA'S CAPITAL. PATRIOTS LIKE PATRICK HENRY, THOMAS JEFFERSON, AND GEORGE WASHINGTON LIVED AND WORKED THERE.



"HERE IT IS... COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG -- RESTORED AND REBUILT, JUST AS IT WAS... 200 YEARS AGO!"

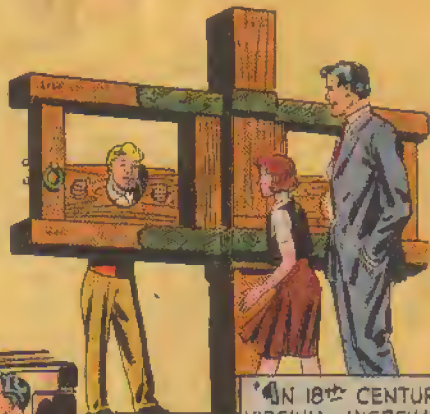
LOOK... HOOP SKIRTS!

AND A STAGE-COACH!



The Wonderful Sights of Williamsburg...

"THIS IS THE HOUSE OF BURGESS, WHERE AMERICA'S OLDEST LAW-MAKING BODY MET. ON THIS SPOT, PATRICK HENRY SPOKE OUT FOR LIBERTY."



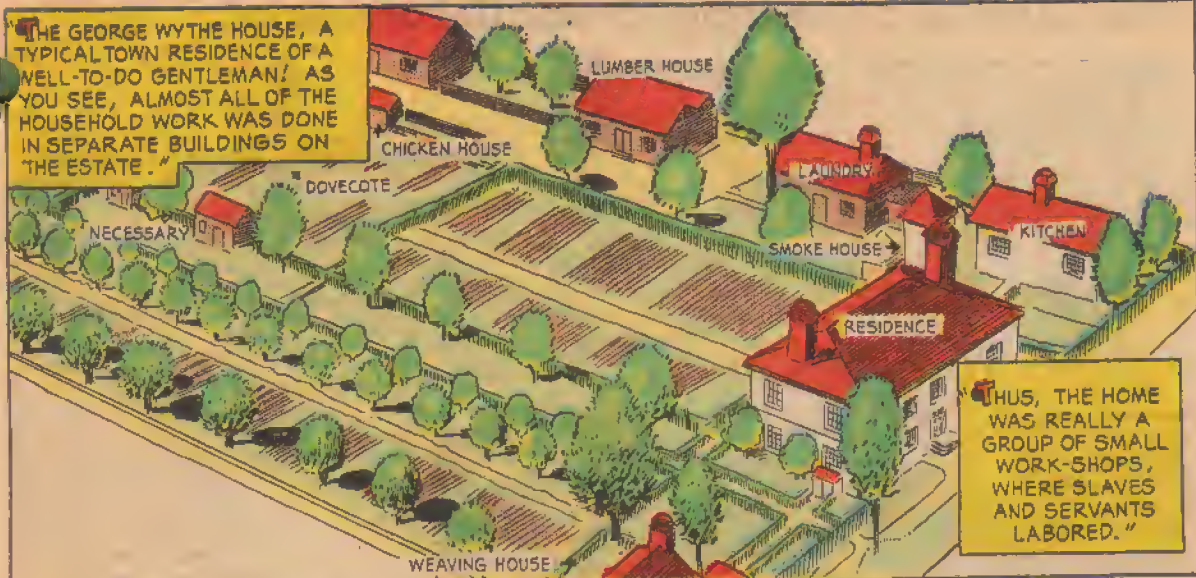
"IN 18TH CENTURY VIRGINIA, MISBEHAVING CITIZENS WERE LOCKED IN A PILLORY, IN FRONT OF THE PUBLIC GAOL."

"WILLIAMSBURG'S CITIZENS CELEBRATED IMPORTANT OCCASIONS AND HOLIDAYS AT THEIR FAVORITE RALEIGH TAVERN."

GUIDE
TO
COLONIAL
WILLIAMSBURG

"ON THE BALLROOM OF THE GOVERNOR'S PALACE, TRAVELING DANCING MASTERS TEACH THE LATEST STEPS FOR ENGLAND."

"THE GEORGE WYTHE HOUSE, A TYPICAL TOWN RESIDENCE OF A WELL-TO-DO GENTLEMAN! AS YOU SEE, ALMOST ALL OF THE HOUSEHOLD WORK WAS DONE IN SEPARATE BUILDINGS ON THE ESTATE."



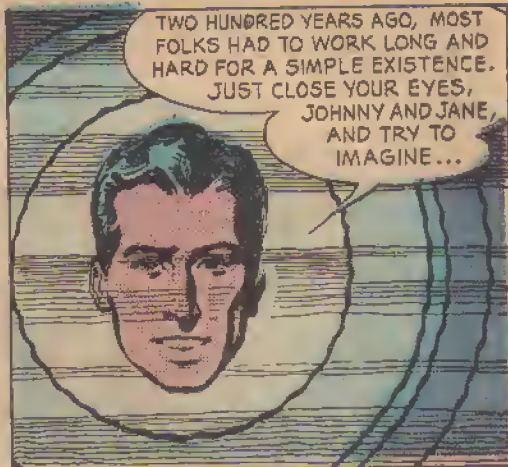
"THUS, THE HOME WAS REALLY A GROUP OF SMALL WORK-SHOPS, WHERE SLAVES AND SERVANTS LABORED."

NOW I KNOW WHAT THEY MEAN BY "THE GOOD OLD DAYS." I WISH I COULD HAVE LIVED HERE...IT MUST HAVE BEEN FINE!

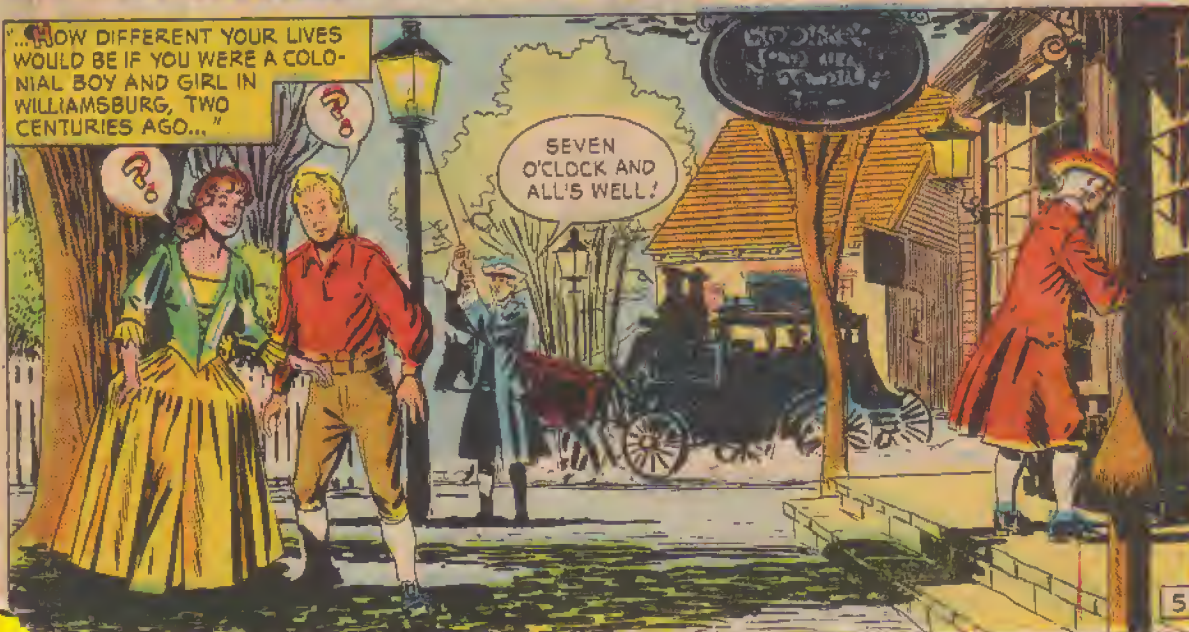
IT WASN'T-NOT EVEN FOR THE FEW WEALTHY PLANTATION OWNERS. YOU SEE...



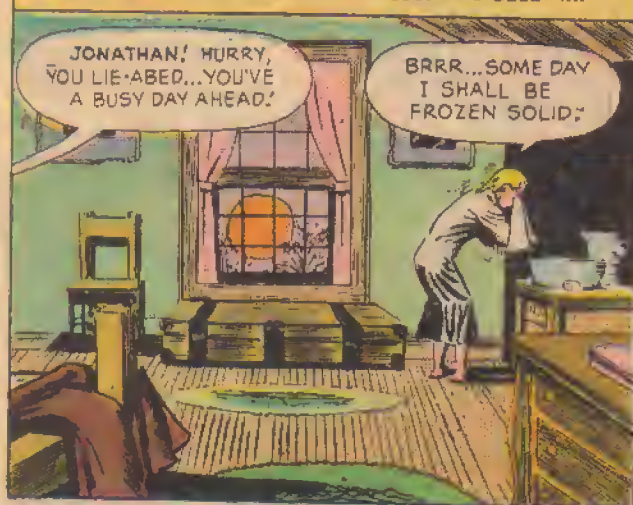
TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO, MOST FOLKS HAD TO WORK LONG AND HARD FOR A SIMPLE EXISTENCE. JUST CLOSE YOUR EYES, JOHNNY AND JANE, AND TRY TO IMAGINE...



"HOW DIFFERENT YOUR LIVES WOULD BE IF YOU WERE A COLONIAL BOY AND GIRL IN WILLIAMSBURG, TWO CENTURIES AGO..."



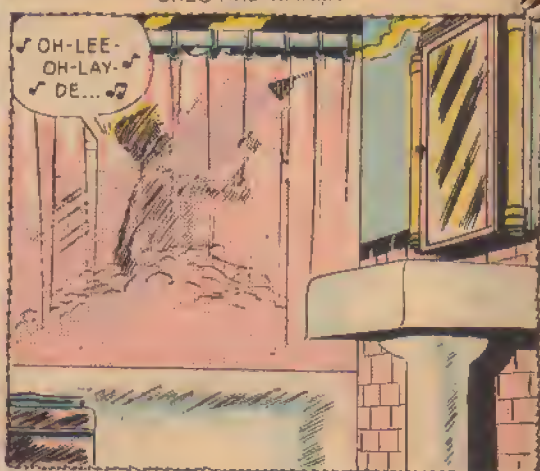
"YOU'D BE AWAKENED AT DAWN--COLD AND SLEEPY..."



JONATHAN! HURRY,
YOU LIE-ABED...YOU'VE
A BUSY DAY AHEAD!

BRRR...SOME DAY
I SHALL BE
FROZEN SOLID!

"BUT TODAY, YOU NOT ONLY GET UP LATER--BUT,
EVEN ON THE COLDEST MORNINGS, YOU'RE
SNUG AND WARM!"



OH-LEE-
OH-LAY-
DE...

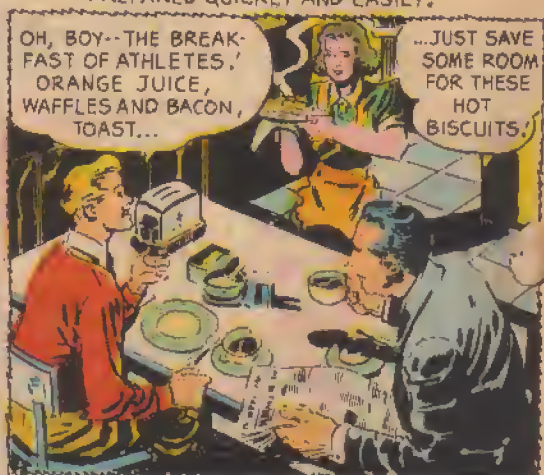
"A SIMPLE COLONIAL BREAKFAST TOOK TIME AND
PATIENCE TO PREPARE IN THE OPEN FIREPLACE..."



WILL THAT PORRIDGE
EVER BE HOT,
MOTHER?

ONE THING AT A TIME,
LAD...THERE'S TEA TO
BE BREWED AS WELL!

"NOWADAYS, MANY AND PLENTY OF GOOD THINGS
TO EAT ARE STORED COOL AND CLEAN...
PREPARED QUICKLY AND EASILY!"



OH, BOY--THE BREAK-
FAST OF ATHLETES!
ORANGE JUICE,
WAFFLES AND BACON,
TOAST...

...JUST SAVE
SOME ROOM
FOR THESE
HOT
BISCUITS!

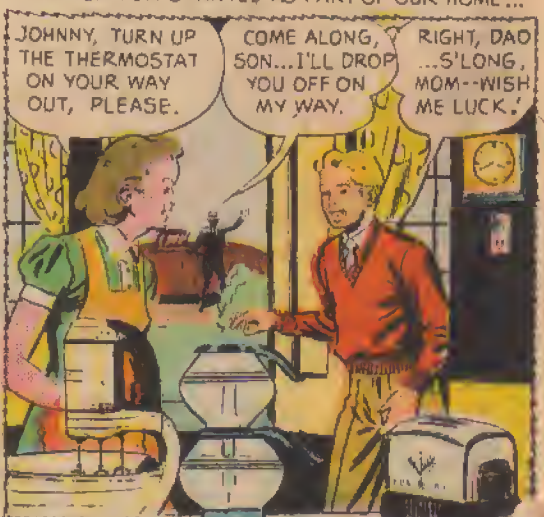
"EVERY MORNING, WATER AND FIREWOOD HAD
TO BE BROUGHT TO THE HOUSE BY MANPOWER...
AND BOYPOWER!"



HERE'S ENOUGH WOOD
TO LAST YOU THROUGH
THE DAY, AND NOW--
TIME TO START WORK,
JONATHAN!

START WORK!? THESE
TRIPS TO THE WELL
AREN'T EXACTLY PLAY!

"NO CHORES FOR US! WE JUST TAKE FUEL AND
WATER FOR GRANTED AS PART OF OUR HOME..."



JOHNNY, TURN UP
THE THERMOSTAT
ON YOUR WAY
OUT, PLEASE.

COME ALONG,
SON...I'LL DROP
YOU OFF ON
MY WAY.

RIGHT, DAO
...S'LONG,
MOM--WISH
ME LUCK!

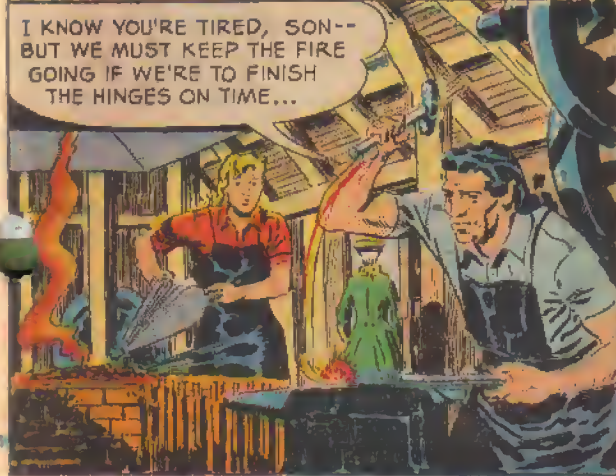
"ONLY THE WEALTHY COULD AFFORD AN EDUCATION--
MOST PEOPLE HAD NEITHER THE TIME NOR MONEY..."



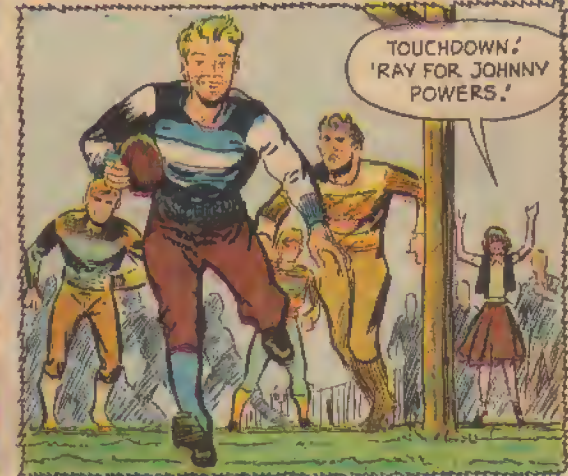
"BUT TODAY, ALL BOYS AND GIRLS HAVE TIME
FOR SCHOOL...AND EDUCATION IS FREE FOR
EVERYBODY!"



"LEARNING A TRADE WAS A COLONIAL LAD'S
ALL-DAY JOB..."



"WHILE THREE-O'CLOCK THESE DAYS IS FUN
TIME FOR YOU KIDS..."



WELL, A GIRL HAD TO HELP MOTHER WITH HER DAWN-TO-DARK LABOR...THERE WAS THE LAUNDRY, FOR INSTANCE--

SCRUB THE CLOTHES WELL, JANE, BUT BE SPARING OF THE SOAP

WE SHALL HAVE TO MAKE MORE SOAP SOON, MOTHER.



TODAY, WHILE YOU'RE AT SCHOOL, MOTHER'S AUTOMATIC WASHER SOAKS, WASHES, RINSES AND DRIES EVERYTHING FOR HER...WHILE HER AUTOMATIC IRONER SAVES HER STILL MORE TIME AND ENERGY!



THEN THERE WAS THE MATTER OF HOUSE-CLEANING...

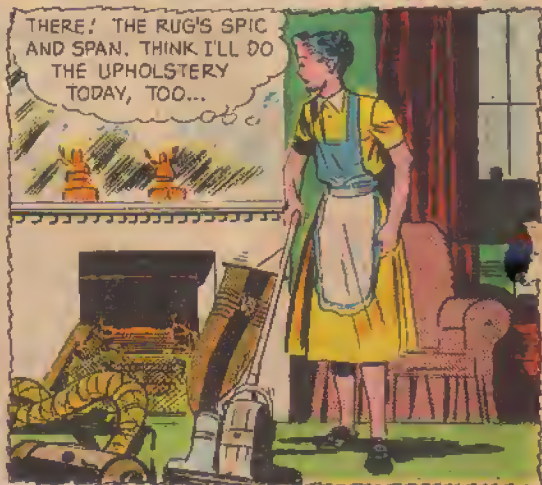
I'VE SPREAD THE CLOTHES ON THE GRASS TO DRY...

THAT'S A GOOD CHILD. NOW, WHILE YOU BEAT THE RUGS, I'LL FINISH SWEEPING AND START THE WINDOWS.



NOW, ELECTRIC APPLIANCES--LIKE A STAFF OF WELL-TRAINED SERVANTS--DO OUR CLEANING...

THERE! THE RUG'S SPIC AND SPAN. THINK I'LL DO THE UPHOLSTERY TODAY, TOO...



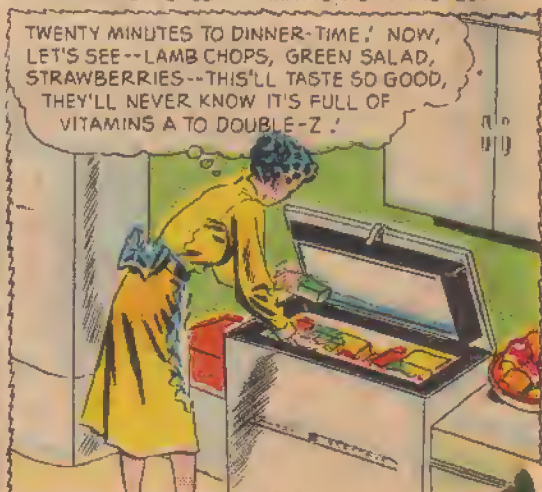
THEN, WHEN THE HOUSEWORK WAS FINALLY DONE...

IT'S ONLY TWO HOURS TO DINNER... WE'D BEST GET STARTED, JANE. I'LL START MY BREAD, AND YOU FETCH SOME DRIED BEEF AND POTATOES FROM THE CELLAR.



WITH TODAY'S ELECTRIC RANGE, REFRIGERATOR AND HOME FREEZER, MOTHER CAN PREPARE TASTY, HEALTHFUL MEALS IN A MATTER OF MINUTES!

TWENTY MINUTES TO DINNER-TIME! NOW, LET'S SEE--LAMB CHOPS, GREEN SALAD, STRAWBERRIES--THIS'LL TASTE SO GOOD, THEY'LL NEVER KNOW IT'S FULL OF VITAMINS A TO DOUBLE-Z!

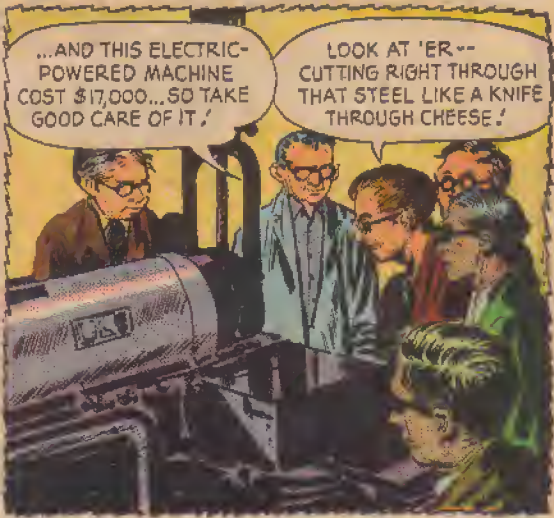


"SINCE, IN THOSE DAYS, THERE WERE ONLY CRUDE TOOLS AND MUSCLE POWER, BOYS HAD TO HELP THEIR FATHERS WITH THE HEAVY WORK..."



GOOD, JONATHAN--YOU'LL MAKE A FINE SMITH SOMEDAY!

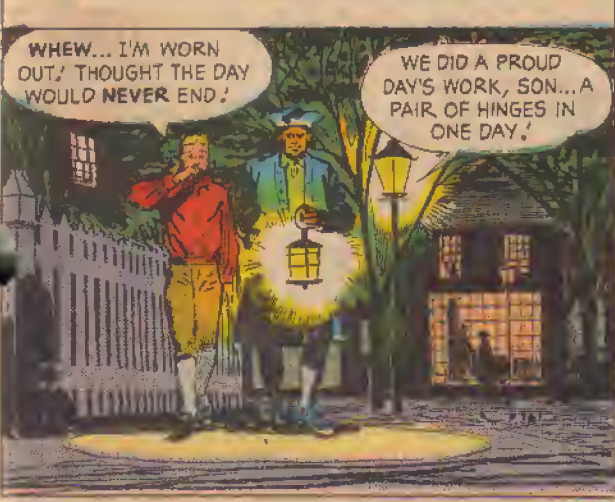
"A DIFFERENT STORY FOR OUR DAD, EH, JOHNNY? MACHINERY MAKES HIS JOB A LOT EASIER..."



...AND THIS ELECTRIC-POWERED MACHINE COST \$17,000...SO TAKE GOOD CARE OF IT!

LOOK AT 'ER-- CUTTING RIGHT THROUGH THAT STEEL LIKE A KNIFE THROUGH CHEESE!

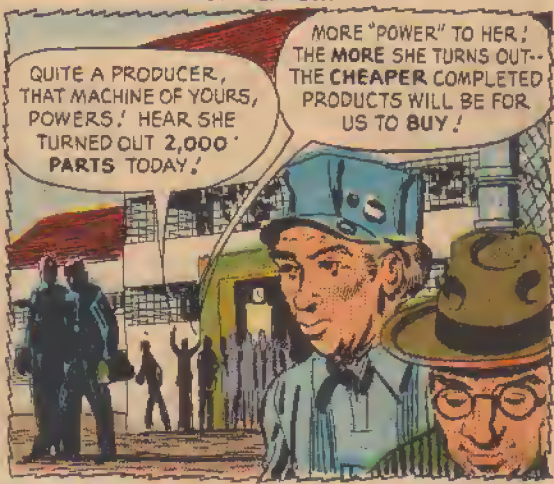
"AT THE FORGE--LONG AFTER NIGHTFALL..."



WHEW... I'M WORN OUT! THOUGHT THE DAY WOULD NEVER END!

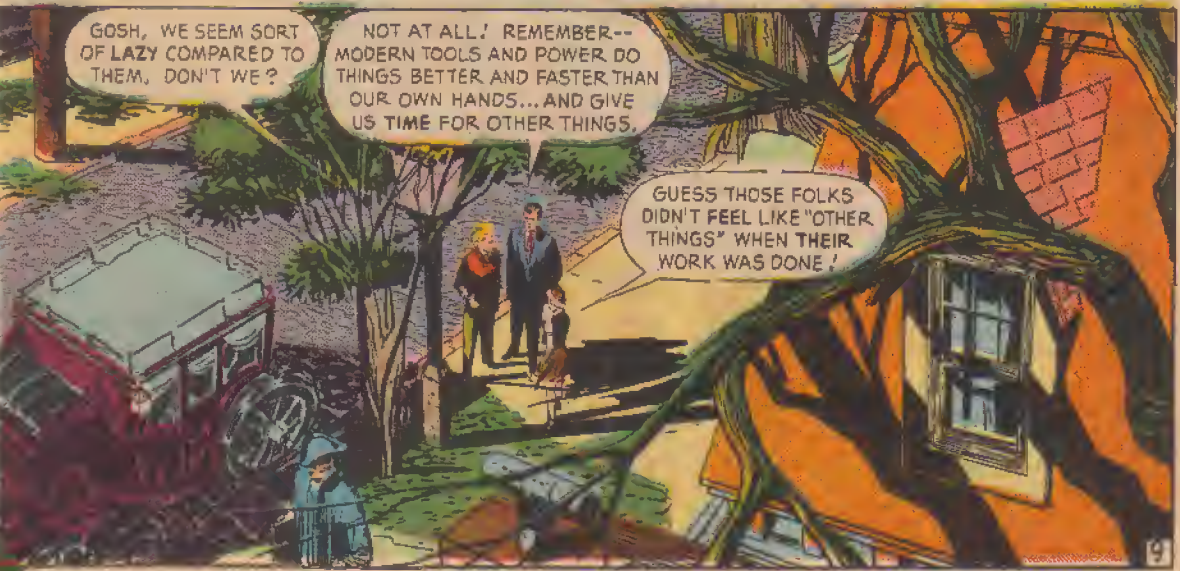
WE DID A PROUD DAY'S WORK, SON...A PAIR OF HINGES IN ONE DAY!

"AT THE FACTORY, IT'S STILL DAYLIGHT WHEN WORK ENDS..."



QUITE A PRODUCER, THAT MACHINE OF YOURS, POWERS! HEAR SHE TURNED OUT 2,000 PARTS TODAY!

MORE "POWER" TO HER! THE MORE SHE TURNS OUT--THE CHEAPER COMPLETED PRODUCTS WILL BE FOR US TO BUY!



GOSH, WE SEEM SORT OF LAZY COMPARED TO THEM, DON'T WE?

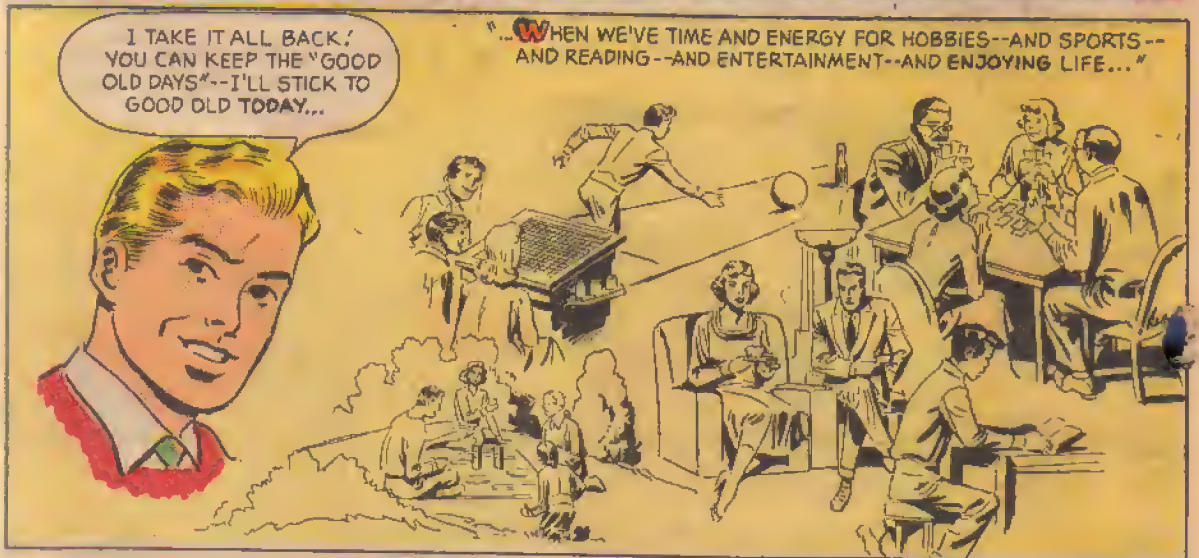
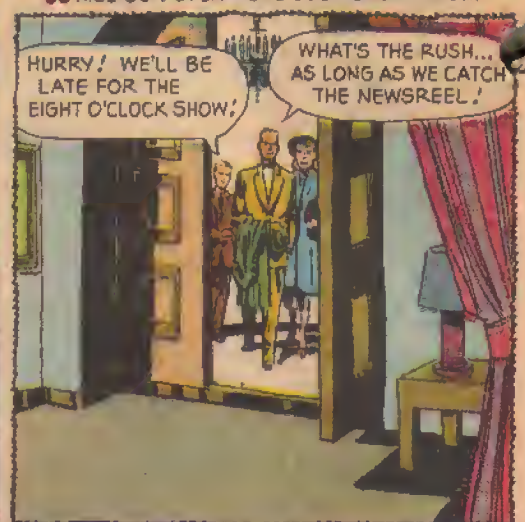
NOT AT ALL! REMEMBER--MODERN TOOLS AND POWER DO THINGS BETTER AND FASTER THAN OUR OWN HANDS...AND GIVE US TIME FOR OTHER THINGS.

GUESS THOSE FOLKS DIDN'T FEEL LIKE "OTHER THINGS" WHEN THEIR WORK WAS DONE!

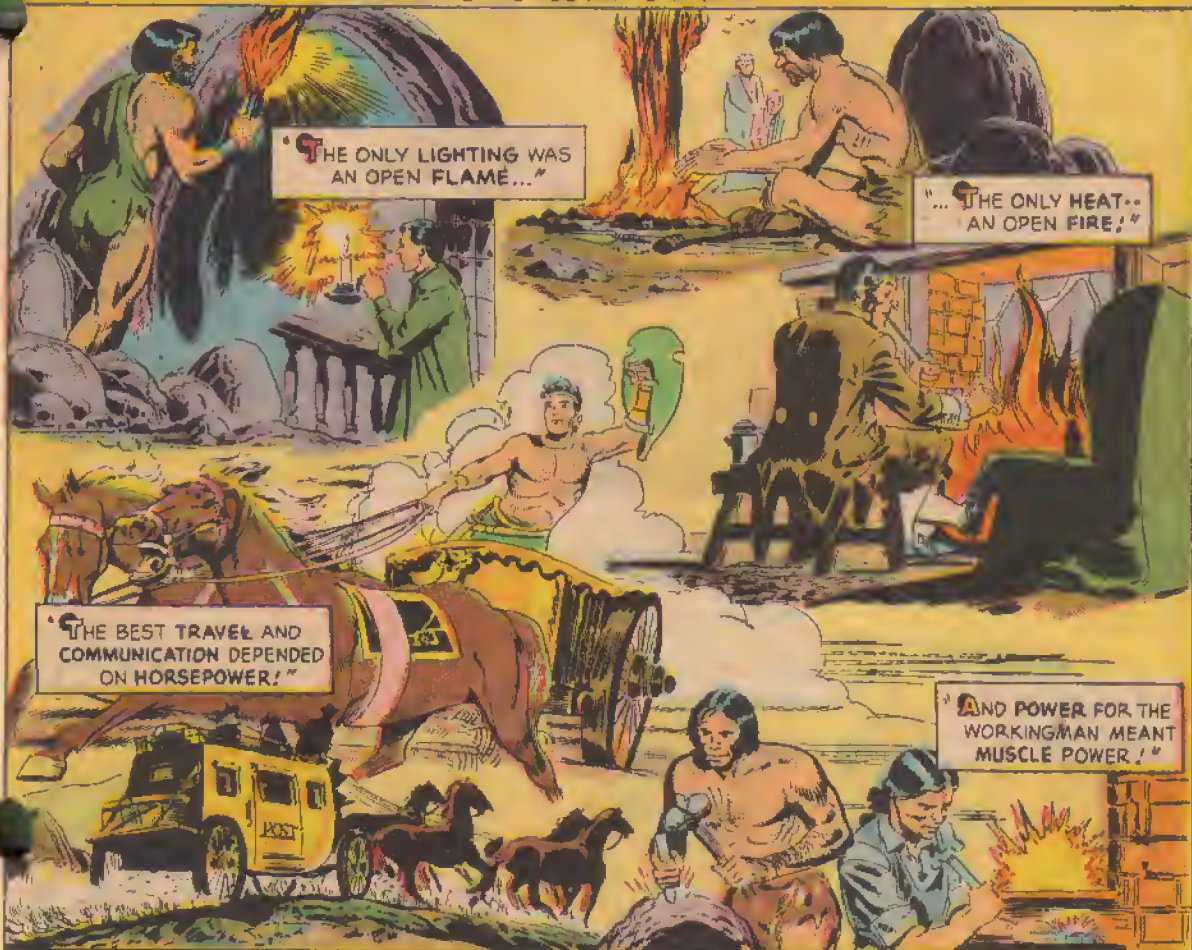
"AFTER DINNER IT WAS BED-TIME FOR THOSE WEARY FOLKS..."



"WHILE OUR EVENING IS JUST BEGINNING..."



"...THE MEANS ON WHICH THEY DEPENDED FOR LIGHT...FOR HEAT...TRAVEL...AND POWER...HADN'T CHANGED MUCH SINCE THE BEGINNING OF MAN!"



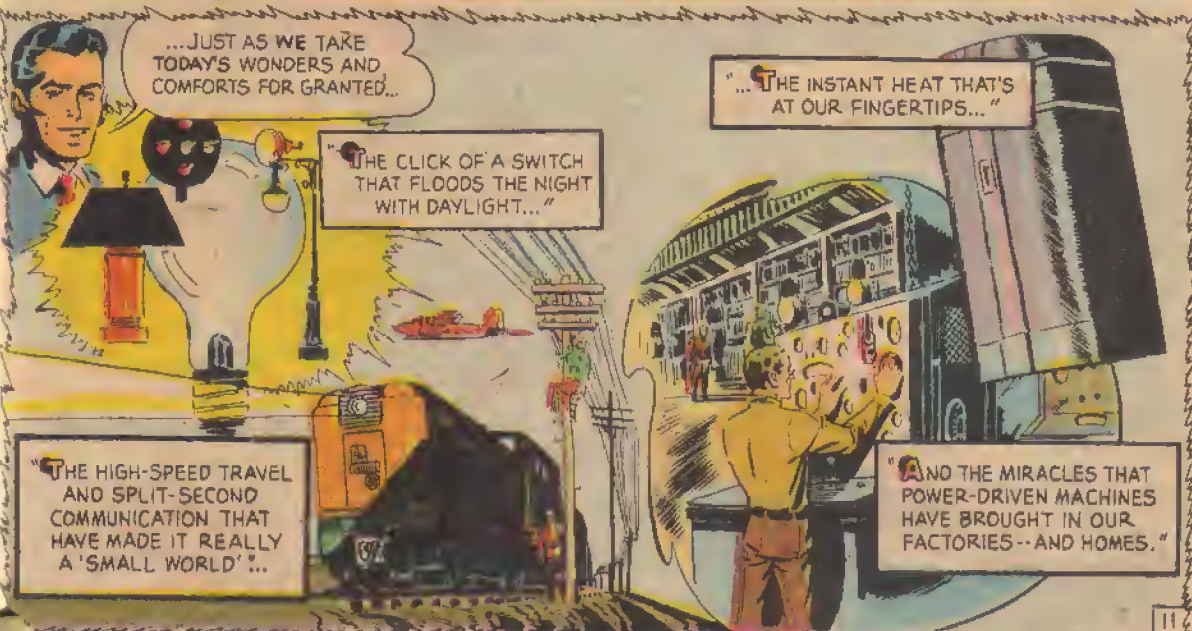
"THE ONLY LIGHTING WAS AN OPEN FLAME..."

"THE ONLY HEAT-- AN OPEN FIRE!"

"THE BEST TRAVEL AND COMMUNICATION DEPENDED ON HORSEPOWER!"

"AND POWER FOR THE WORKINGMAN MEANT MUSCLE POWER!"

"BUT SINCE THESE WERE THE ONLY METHODS THEY HAD EVER KNOWN, COLONIAL FOLKS JUST TOOK THEM FOR GRANTED."



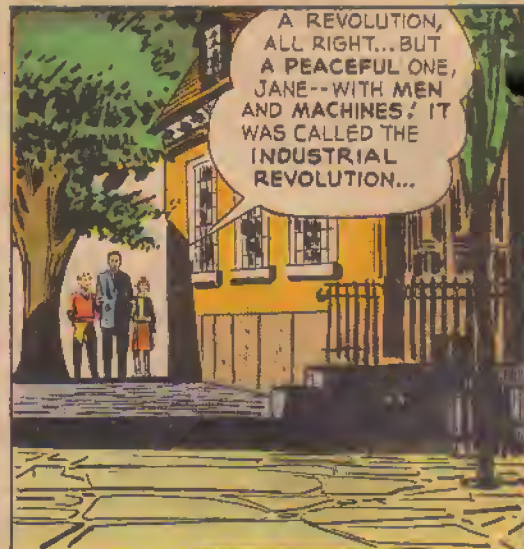
"...JUST AS WE TAKE TODAY'S WONDERS AND COMFORTS FOR GRANTED..."

"THE CLICK OF A SWITCH THAT FLOODS THE NIGHT WITH DAYLIGHT..."

"...THE INSTANT HEAT THAT'S AT OUR FINGERTIPS..."

"THE HIGH-SPEED TRAVEL AND SPLIT-SECOND COMMUNICATION THAT HAVE MADE IT REALLY A 'SMALL WORLD'..."

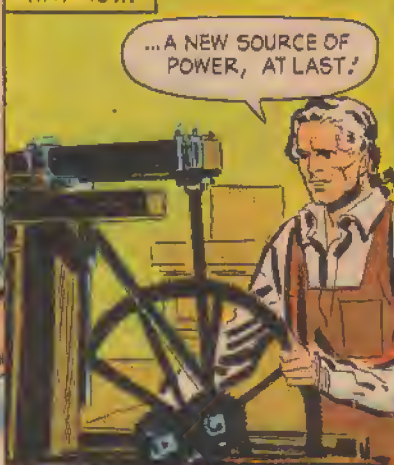
"AND THE MIRACLES THAT POWER-DRIVEN MACHINES HAVE BROUGHT IN OUR FACTORIES--AND HOMES."



REMEMBER HOW IT TOOK JONATHAN'S FATHER HOURS AND DAYS OF HARD WORK AND MUSCLE POWER TO PRODUCE SOMETHING...



UNTIL, IN THE LATE 1700'S, JAMES WATT'S STEAM ENGINE OPENED THE WAY TO...



RESULT? WITH STEAM ENGINE POWER, MANY MEN COULD DO MUCH MORE WORK WITH MUCH LESS EFFORT--IN A SINGLE FACTORY, INSTEAD OF MANY FORGES!



ALSO, IN THOSE DAYS, EVERY PART OF A MUSKET, FOR INSTANCE, WAS HAND-MADE AND, THEREFORE, DIFFERENT... IT WAS JUST IMPOSSIBLE TO MAKE TWO PARTS EXACTLY ALIKE...



UNTIL ELI WHITNEY, (INVENTOR OF THE COTTON GIN) WORKED OUT THE IDEA OF IDENTICAL PARTS...



AND SO WE HAD INTERCHANGEABLE PARTS...AND COULD MASS-PRODUCE FOR THE FIRST TIME!



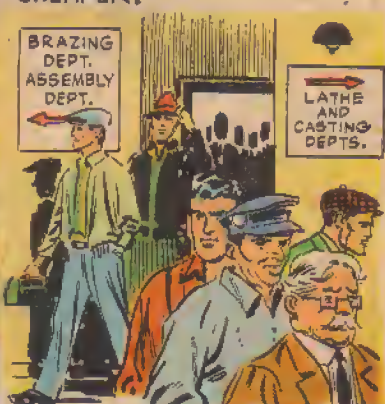
"ANOTHER THING--THE BLACKSMITH HAD TO BE ABLE TO TURN OUT MANY DIFFERENT PRODUCTS...AND BOYS LIKE JONATHAN HAD TO SPEND MANY YEARS LEARNING THE DIFFICULT TRADE..."



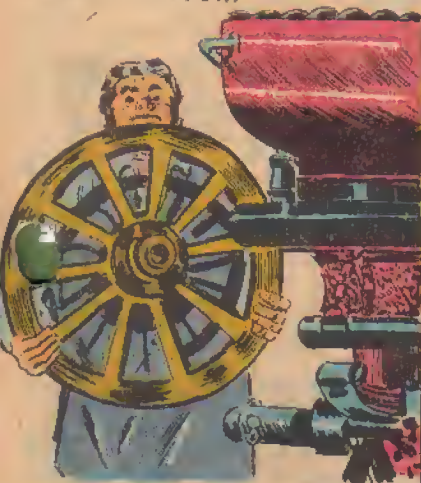
"BUT IDENTICAL PARTS SOON LED TO ANOTHER WAY OF IMPROVING PRODUCTION..."



"WITH SPECIALIZATION, EACH MAN COULD BECOME SKILLED AT HIS JOB IN A FEW WEEKS--WORK EASIER AND FASTER,... AND THE FINISHED PRODUCT WAS NOT ONLY BETTER, BUT CHEAPER!"



"AT THE FORGE, THERE WAS MUCH LIFTING AND CARRYING OF HEAVY LOADS..."

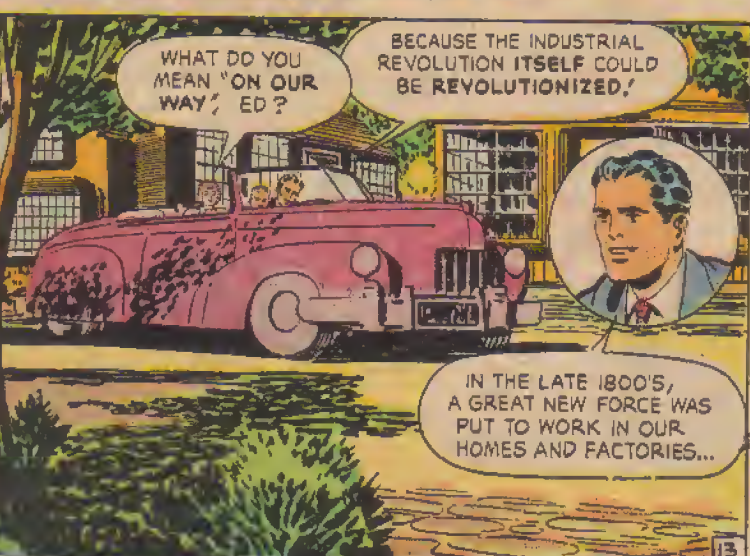
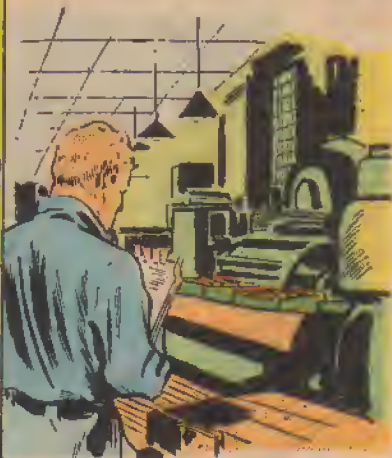


"UNTIL, IN THE FACTORY..."

IF WE SET UP A MOVING BELT-LINE TO CARRY PARTS...IT WILL MEAN EASIER WORK FOR THE MEN, AS WELL AS MORE PRODUCTION.



"SO THE ASSEMBLY-LINE WAS BORN--AND WE WERE ON OUR WAY TO THE MODERN FACTORY SYSTEM!"



WHAT DO YOU MEAN "ON OUR WAY", ED?

BECAUSE THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION ITSELF COULD BE REVOLUTIONIZED!

IN THE LATE 1800'S, A GREAT NEW FORCE WAS PUT TO WORK IN OUR HOMES AND FACTORIES...

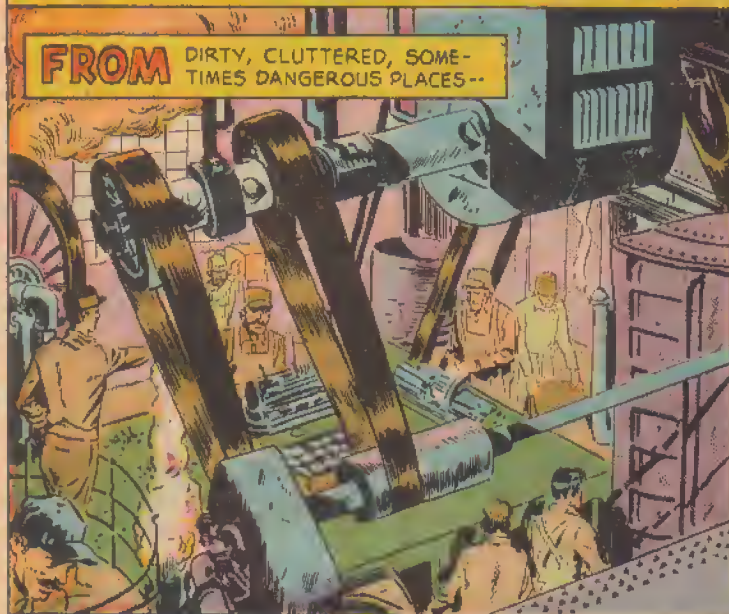
...AND THAT NEW FORCE WAS...

Electricity



ELECTRIC POWER--ELECTRIC GENERATORS, ELECTRIC MACHINES, ELECTRIC TOOLS--CHANGED OUR FACTORIES...

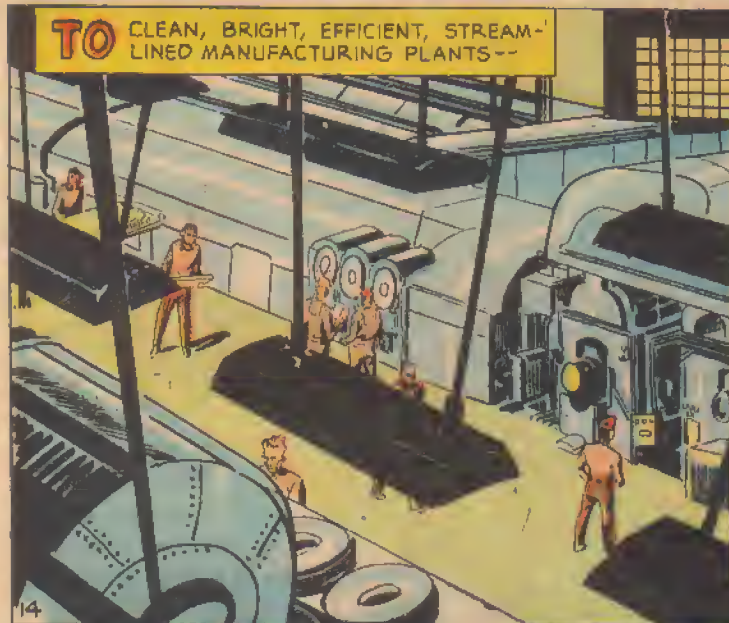
FROM DIRTY, CLUTTERED, SOME-
TIMES DANGEROUS PLACES--



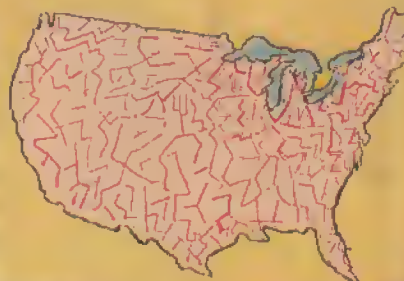
--WHICH HAD TO BE LOCATED WHERE
THEY COULD PRODUCE THEIR OWN
COAL OR WATER POWER...



TO CLEAN, BRIGHT, EFFICIENT, STREAM-
LINED MANUFACTURING PLANTS--



--WHICH COULD BE LOCATED ANYWHERE...
DRAWING THEIR POWER FROM A VAST
300,000-MILE NETWORK OF HIGH-
VOLTAGE ELECTRICITY!--

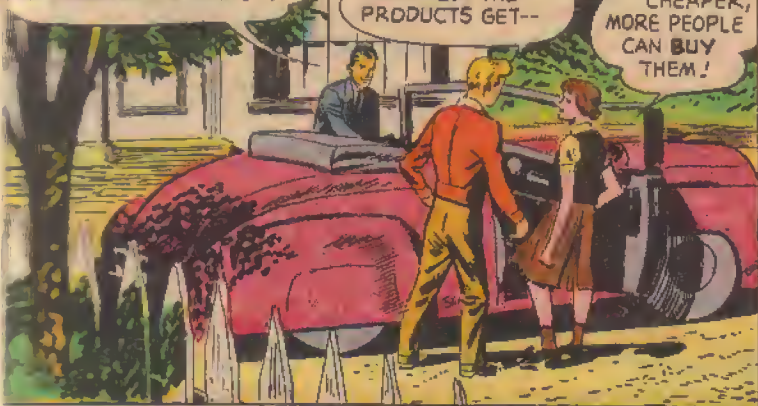


ELECTRICITY NOT ONLY REVOLUTIONIZED THE WAY WE MAKE THINGS--BUT THE THINGS WE MAKE...TO GIVE US THE HIGHEST STANDARD OF LIVING IN THE WORLD.

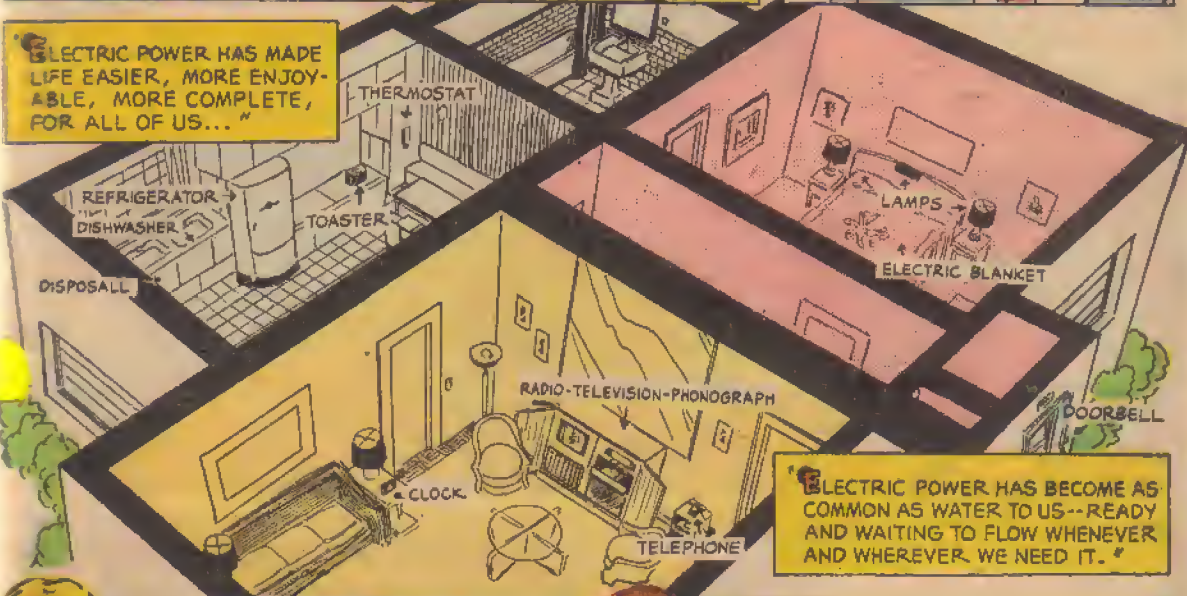
SURE--BECAUSE WITH ELECTRIC MACHINERY, A WORKMAN CAN PRODUCE MORE...AND THE MORE HE PRODUCES, THE CHEAPER THE PRODUCTS GET--

...AND BECAUSE THEY'RE CHEAPER, MORE PEOPLE CAN BUY THEM!

--WHICH BRINGS US RIGHT BACK AGAIN TO--MORE AND BETTER THINGS FOR ALL OF US! IN OUR HOMES, FOR INSTANCE...



ELECTRIC POWER HAS MADE LIFE EASIER, MORE ENJOYABLE, MORE COMPLETE, FOR ALL OF US...



ELECTRIC POWER HAS BECOME AS COMMON AS WATER TO US--READY AND WAITING TO FLOW WHENEVER AND WHEREVER WE NEED IT.

AND HOW ABOUT OUTSIDE OUR HOMES, ED? LIKE IN CARS AND SHIPS AND TRAINS AND PLANES...



...IN HOW ABOUT MOVIES...AND THE X-RAYS DOCTORS AND DENTISTS USE... AND-AND--ALMOST EVERYTHING!

